

Claims

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A support apparatus comprising:
2 a first member having a first portion and a second portion;
3 a second member having a first portion and a second portion;
4 the first portions of the first and second members being spaced apart;
5 and
6 the second portions of the first and second members being
7 interconnected.

- 1 2. The support apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein some of the second
2 portions of the first member overlap some of the second portions of the
3 second member.

- 1 3. The support apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein the first portions of each
2 member include a span and the second portions of each member include a
3 rib.

- 1 4. The support apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein the first member is a
2 ribbed member in a first orientation and the second member is a ribbed
3 member, identical to the first ribbed member, attached to the first ribbed
4 member in a second orientation inverted from the first orientation.

- 1 5. A support apparatus comprising:
2 a first ribbed member in a first orientation; and
3 a second ribbed member, identical to the first ribbed member and
4 attached to the first ribbed member in a second orientation inverted from the
5 first orientation.

- 1 6. The support apparatus as defined in claim 5 wherein portions of the first
2 ribbed member overlap portions of the second ribbed member.
- 1 7. The support apparatus as defined in claim 6 wherein the first and second
2 ribbed members are attached at a position wherein the overlap occurs.
- 1 8. A computer comprising:
2 a chassis; and
3 a support member mounted in the chassis, the support member
4 including:
5 a first member having a first portion and a second portion;
6 a second member having a first portion and a second portion;
7 the first portions of the first and second members being spaced
8 apart; and
9 the second portions of the first and second members being
10 interconnected.
- 1 9. The computer as defined in claim 8 wherein some of the second portions of
2 the first member overlap some of the second portions of the second member.
- 1 10. The computer as defined in claim 8 wherein the first portions of each member
2 include a span and the second portions of each member include a rib.
- 1 11. The computer as defined in claim 8 wherein the first member is a ribbed
2 member in a first orientation and the second member is a ribbed member,
3 identical to the first ribbed member, attached to the first ribbed member in a
4 second orientation inverted from the first orientation.

- 1 12. An information handling system comprising:
2 a chassis;
3 a microprocessor mounted in the chassis;
4 a storage coupled to the microprocessor; and
5 a support member mounted in the chassis, the support member
6 including:
7 a first member having a first portion and a second portion;
8 a second member having a first portion and a second portion;
9 the first portions of the first and second members being spaced
10 apart; and
11 the second portions of the first and second members being
12 interconnected.
- 1 13. The system as defined in claim 12 wherein some of the second portions of
2 the first member overlap some of the second portions of the second member.
- 1 14. The system as defined in claim 12 wherein the first portions of each member
2 include a span and the second portions of each member include a rib.
- 1 15. The system as defined in claim 12 wherein the first member is a ribbed
2 member in a first orientation and the second member is a ribbed member,
3 identical to the first ribbed member, attached to the first ribbed member in a
4 second orientation inverted from the first orientation.
- 1 16. The system as defined in claim 13 wherein the first and second members are
2 attached at a position wherein the overlap occurs.

- 1 17. The system as defined in claim 12 wherein the support member is secured
2 between a pair of opposed surfaces in the chassis.
- 1 18. The system as defined in claim 12 wherein the first and second members
2 each include a flange.
- 1 19. The system as defined in claim 18 wherein each flange is attached to the
2 chassis.
- 1 20. A method of reinforcing a computer chassis comprising:
2 providing a first ribbed member in a first orientation;
3 providing a second ribbed member, identical to the first ribbed
4 member, in a second orientation inverted from the first orientation;
5 attaching the first ribbed member to the second ribbed member; and
6 securing the attached ribbed members in the computer chassis.
- 1 21. The method as defined in claim 20 wherein the attached ribbed members are
2 secured between a pair of opposed surfaces in the computer chassis.